above.

Monitoring Committees for JRY Programmes

2182. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have instructed the State Governments to constitute Vigilance and Monitoring Committees at the State, district, bloc and village levels, for rural employment programmes under JRY;

(b) if so, whether such committees have been constituted in Maharashtra, particularly in Nagpur; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the role of his Ministry in monitoring the JRY in Maharashtra and other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No information regarding constitution of Vigilance and Monitoring Committee has been received from Government of Maharashtra/District authorities of Nagpur so far.

(c) The Ministry has evolved a comprehensive system to ensure that the guidelines are followed strictly. For proper monitoring emphasis is laid on a strong data base and regular feed back through monthly and annual progress reports. At the time of releasing second instalment, the utilisation certificates, Audit Reports and other parameters such as matching grants from the States, minimum expenditure etc. are examined before the release of 2nd instalment. The scheme is supervised by the DRDA/ZP and the district authorities. In addition intensive inspections are conducted by the State Government officials and periodical reviews by the Central Government in the meeting of Secretaries of the State Government Senior officials also review the Rural Development Programme during their visit under the Area Officer Scheme.

Deaths due to contaminated drinking water

2183. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of people have died of drinking contaminated water and due to starvation in some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of villages in the country where water has yet to be made available and by when it is likely to be provided;

(d) whether the assistance provided by Government to State Governments for making potable water available has been diverted to some other purposes;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(f) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) No such report has been received from State Governments/UTs.

(c) As on 1.4.1996, 75680 Not Covered (NC) rural habitations are yet to be provided with safe drinking water supply. All the NG habitations are expected to be covered with safe drinking water supply by 1997-98.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.